

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, please amend the Title to read:

~~PRINTING BLANKET SLEEVE HAVING SOUND DAMPENING~~ PAD FEATURE

At page 1, please amend paragraph [0001] to read:

[0001] This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/429,465, filed May 5, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,732,648, issued May 11, 2004.

At page 6, please amend paragraphs [0023] and [0024] to read:

[0023] Fig. 4 is a enlarged sectional view showing a printing blanket sleeve mounted onto a blanket cylinder; ~~and~~

[0024] Fig. 5 is a sectional view showing an end of a printing blanket sleeve with a sound dampening pad installed; and

Fig. 6 is a side view of an alternative embodiment of the sound dampening pad.

At page 6, please amend paragraph [0025] to read:

[0025] An embodiment of the sound dampening pad is shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The pad 10 comprises an elongated strip of a flexible polymeric material such as natural or synthetic rubber or a thermoplastic polymer. Pad 10 has a "J-shaped" configuration as best seen in Fig. 2 having inner 12 and outer 14 surfaces. As can be seen, inner surface 12 comprises the inner radius of the J-shaped configuration and outer surface 14 comprises the outer radius. It will be apparent that pad 10 may have other cross-sectional shapes including a U-shape such as the pad illustrated in Fig. 6. Pad 10 may be formed by any suitable method such as casting, molding, or

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extrusion. Pad 10 may be supplied in an indeterminate length and cut to size as needed. In this way, the pad can be installed on sleeves having varying diameters.